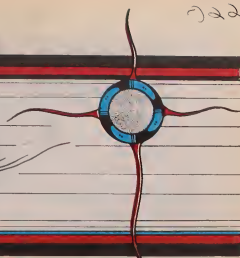


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## AFN Chief Phil Fontaine encouraged by throne speech

by Maurice Switzer

National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine stated he was "encouraged" by the message in this month's Speech from the Throne.

"We are pleased to see that the federal government shares in our priorities as First Nations—building dynamic economies, strengthening our people, and fostering communities that are healthy and viable," said National Chief Fontaine. "Our people have a holistic world view, and we can see how all these areas are related."

The National Chief stated, "We see ourselves reflected everywhere in this speech, not just in the section directed at Aboriginal peoples. The governor general spoke of children and youth. While the rest of Canada is aging, more than half of First Nations people are under the age of 25. Employment and education opportunities are important for our young people, and in the best interests of all Canadians. There was talk of dealing with root causes of poverty and homelessness, and there must be more action to deal with these pressing needs in some First Nation communities. In international trade, protecting the environment and strengthening infrastructure—First Nations have much to offer in all these areas."

The throne speech included specific undertakings to build a stronger relationship with Aboriginal

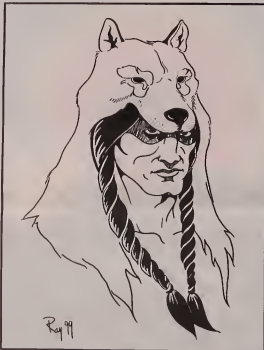
peoples. It reaffirmed Canada's commitment to work under the principles outlined in *Gathering Strength—Canada's Aboriginal Action Plan*.

"That is an important message for us," said National Chief Fontaine, "because the key principle in *Gathering Strength* is that all sectors of the federal government must work in partnership with First Nations to address our priorities. First Nations must have the lead in the decisions and activities that affect our daily lives. That is the best way to foster good government and stronger communities."

The National Chief will be meeting with the new Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs later in the week and hopes to build on the commitments made in the Speech from the Throne.

There are opportunities for immediate action. The speech mentioned the need for certainty in land claim agreements. Our office negotiated with Claims Body (ICB) to deal with First Nations' claims. The hard work has been done. The ICB is ready to go. All that is needed is the will on the part of the government," said the National Chief.

"Ultimately, government actions will demonstrate commitment to the principles stated in this speech," said National Chief Fontaine. "We look forward to working together on our shared priorities."



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# Stoney Nation Council sabotaging health and education, charges controversial judge

by John Copley

An Alberta provincial judge recently concluded his inquiry into the suicidal death of a Stoney First Nation teenager and opened fire on the central Alberta community's leadership. Judge John C. Reilly says that the Stoney Nation leaders failed in their responsibilities to ensure that their membership was provided with adequate health care, proper education and meaningful social programs.

In announcing his findings the controversial Alberta judge said he has come to believe that "vested interests" on the Stoney Nation "divert money that should be going to help the poor (Stoney) members" and have "deliberately sabotaged education, health and welfare programs and economic development in order to keep the people under-educated, unwell and unemployed, so that they can be dominated and controlled."

Reilly determined that the death of 17 year old Sherman LaBelle was a result of numerous institutional failures that left the youngster with no place to turn for help.

"A tyranny exists, a tyranny that controls my people," agreed Band Councillor Greg Twoyoungmen, a Stoney Nation member known for his outspoken criticism of the three chiefs and councils that govern and administer the Stoney First Nation Tribal Council and its membership. In applauding Judge Reilly's decision, Twoyoungmen said that he wasn't alone in his opinions.

"Nothing happens here. There is no economic development, no education. It's not just me that thinks this way; other members of the Tribal Council agree. A tyranny has existed—but it is slowing starting to change."

Just one day after the release of Judge Reilly's scathing report, a quorum of two of the three chiefs who govern the central Alberta First Nation fired their tribal administrator, Rick Butler.

"Not fair!" cried Councillor Twoyoungmen, who said he will fight to keep Butler on the job. "He's a hard worker. The whole council has a say in the matter and we'd like to keep him on."

Butler, who could not be contacted for comment on further developments, earlier told media that he was "cooperatively trying to work something out."

Alberta Judge John Reilly is no stranger to making forthright decisions, complete with controversial comments, especially when he's dealing with matters that concern the province's Native peoples.

In the summer of 1997 Judge Reilly created political hysteria when he ordered an inquiry into central Alberta's Stoney First Nation, directing government prosecutors to investigate social conditions and possible financial mismanagement and corruption. At the time, Judge Reilly was conducting a trial for alleged



espousal abuse that involved members of the Stoney Nation. The testimony he heard from numerous witnesses at the trial saw him put his decision aside and order an inquiry. The move not only created political furor, it put Judge Reilly in a difficult position with his boss, Alberta Chief Justice Ed Wachowich, who tried and failed to have Reilly transferred to Calgary from his circuit route courtrooms in Canmore, Banff and Cochrane.

Nothing has put the lid on Reilly's opinions, nor his determination to see justice prevail, so it came as no surprise to hear that the Alberta court judge had once again lambasted the Stoney Nation Chiefs and their respective councils. But Reilly's findings during the inquiry prompted him to tread a step further.

He laid part of the blame on the federal Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and called for its abolishment.

"I cannot believe," wrote Reilly, "that the abuses of power that have occurred in this tribal government have happened without the knowledge and even the complicity of the officials in the Department of Indian Affairs."

Calling on government to abolish Indian Affairs, Reilly's recommendations suggest that funds to Indigenous communities be reallocated to ensure a change in the power structure. Other recommendations to government authorities include the creation of a special prosecution branch within the provincial Justice Department to prosecute those who commit crimes against Aboriginal people; legislating "honesty" in the public sector, making it a crime for elected officials to make false statements; supporting economic development in Native communities, and saturating Native communities with viable wellness programs that ensure that non-Native workers are complemented on a 1:1 ratio by Native workers in training for that particular job. Reilly also suggests a deadline at which Native workers would take over at any given position.

The Stoney First Nation relinquished its control over spending in the summer of 1997 after it was discovered that despite income revenues of nearly \$50 million from oil and gas agreements, the community showed a deficit of more than \$5.5 million. Though some of the control over spending has been returned to the Stoney Nation, much remains in the hands of a government-appointed management firm.

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# Hunger striker ends vigil at Sunchild First Nation

by Ennis Morris

Yolande Redcalf began her hunger strike on August 31. She ended it 44 days later, on Friday, October 15. Sustaining herself on the occasional sip of water, the 32 year old activist was determined to get her point across. She was concerned about the housing conditions in her community, the Sunchild First Nation, just west of Rocky Mountain House.

Vowing not to eat another morsel of food until her band leadership and Indian Affairs officials got together to investigate conditions on the reserve, Redcalf eventually settled when her Chief, Harry Goodrunning, promised to build two new houses before winter sets in.

Yolande Redcalf was born on central Alberta's Sunchild Cree First Nation in 1967. In 1972 an accident took the lives of her four sisters and she was placed in foster care. Just five years old at the time, the youngster found herself growing up in an Australian household, albeit a fairly wealthy one.

Admittedly ashamed of her Native heritage for more than 20 years, Redcalf eventually returned to her Aboriginal roots when she made her way back to Alberta about two and one-half years ago.

As ashamed because "I've always been told that we are just dirty, rotten, lazy Indians," Yolande rediscovered her Native heritage and her pride after returning to her home community.

"Our community is very rich in culture and in traditional beliefs and I am proud to say that I am Native," she told media at the end of her hunger strike.

But not necessarily proud of what her community is achieving.

Redcalf is a university graduate while many members of her Nation, including some of the leaders and Elders, can neither read nor write. Yolande Redcalf was, in fact, quite disappointed when she discovered that she'd have to share a dilapidated house with 14 of her relatives. She was further annoyed when she saw how poorly the pot-holed gravel roads were maintained. What really angered her, however, was watch-



ing her diabetic aunt (Edna) trudge miles for fresh water while living in a run down trailer, her home for the past 10 years.

"Why are we living like this?" she commented recently to Calgary media. "Why are we living in a third world state?"

Good question. And perhaps one that will be answered if Redcalf retains her drive and ambitiously seeks to find the answers. Originally demanding an inquiry into what she referred to as poor management of the reserve, Redcalf says she's still determined to see that her people move ahead.

"We're supposed to wards of the Queen," remarked Redcalf. "This is not how I believe the Queen would want the wards of the state to be treated—like third rate citizens when we are really first class citizens."

Redcalf said that when she was manning her hun-

ger strike many of the community members came by and offered their support but they told her that "one person can't make the difference, one person could not effect change."

"Wrong," says Yolande. "It only takes one person to make a wave."

The Sunchild First Nation houses about 450 of its 780 members, the rest live off reserve. Those that remain find themselves in the midst of an 80 percent unemployment rate. The band has reaped the benefits of numerous oil and gas development strategies over the past several years and Redcalf wants to know what the chief and council plan to do to enhance the lives of the people they represent.

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# Swearing-in 'weds' Metis leaders to Nation

by Mark McCallum

There was one more promise Metis leaders had to make after many weeks of promises on the campaign trail culminated in the Sept. 7 Metis election. The newly elected leaders had to swear they would put the interests of the Metis Nation of Alberta above all other interests.

The Metis leaders performed their first official duties at a swearing-in ceremony in Edmonton Sept. 18. There was no need for more speeches — no more campaign commitments — just the solemn vow to honour the Metis Nation.

In front of a crowd of 500, the leaders took turns promising to devote themselves to the Metis Nation and its thousands of members across the province. The 14 members on the provincial council were ushered into their official new roles by Metis elders from their respective regions.

Looking into the sea of faces at a packed hall in Edmonton's northend, Metis Nation president Audrey Poitras was the last of the leaders sworn-in by Elder Della Grey, during a ceremony that at times resembled a wedding. Instead of a ring, though, Poitras received a Chain of Office made of hide, fur and bronze from Eric Nystrom of Rocky Mountain House.

"Yes, it is like a marriage," agrees Gerald Morin, president of the Metis National Council, while looking across the hall at a head table occupied by the Metis leaders. Throw in a cake and this is a marriage of sorts.

The biggest difference, says Morin, is that this is a union with thousands of people's interests at stake. The oath of office shouldn't be taken lightly, says Canada's top Metis leader. "It's a commitment you live with 24 hours a day."

Brenda Blyan-Calliou, the new provincial vice-president, said she realized it would be tough balancing the demands of her new job and her family, but it is a challenge she gladly accepted. "When I decided to run, I knew that my first commitment would be to the

Metis people," says Blyan-Calliou. But, "being a mother and wife, you have to balance your life, so you're not totally consumed with the Nation."

Among the hundreds of well-wishers on hand for the event were the Hon. Pearl Calahasen, the Metis MLA for Lesser Slave Lake; Metis Settlements General Council President Ken Nookey, Sheila Genuille, president of the Metis National Council of Women, and numerous other Metis officials representing provinces across Canada.

Poitras and Blyan-Calliou were last to be sworn-in after the rest of the provincial council, including Zone 1 president George Quintal and vice-president Rick Boucher, Zone 2 president Henry Desjarlais and Gabe Cardinal, Zone 3 president Ephraim Bouvier and vice-president Marlene Lanz, Zone 4 president Jerry Letendre and vice-president Cecile Bellerose, Zone 5 president Bev New and vice-president Trevor Gladue, and Zone 6 president Sylvia Johnson and vice-president Louis Bellerose.



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# Panel of judges reaffirms Aboriginal fishing rights

by John Copley

On Friday, September 17, 1999, the Supreme Court of Canada, in a 5-2 decision, overturned a guilty verdict previously handed out in 1996 to Nova Scotia Mi'kmaq Donald Marshall. The ruling, which upholds and re-validates a treaty agreement signed in 1760 by the Mi'kmaq Nation and the British monarchy, not only acquits Marshall of the charges he faced during his 1996 conviction for catching and selling 210 kilograms of eel, it also confirms what the Mi'kmaq have claimed since Canada's Confederation in 1867, that they have the inherent right to fish and hunt and gather year round, without need of permit or licence.

The decision brought almost immediate accusations of favouritism and predictions that sounded more like threats of violence from numerous non-Native fishermen who earn their livelihood from the Atlantic Ocean. Within 10 days of the Supreme Court's ruling and despite the pleas of government, Mi'kmaq leaders, some non-Native fishermen, and even Donald Marshall, violence did ensue, and diminished only after the several hundred protesting the Supreme Court's decision threatened even more violence if Ottawa and the courts didn't come up with a solution non-Native fishermen could live with.

In the several outbursts of violence that did take place, lobster traps were sabotaged, people were hospitalized and nasty threats and foul language lit up the TV screens. About 700 non-Native fishermen from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, angered by the fact that the Mi'kmaq First Nation fishes are currently out trapping lobster while they must wait until the season opens next month, met to decide their next move. After a four hour discussion the group decided to wait before considering further retaliation to the Court's decision.

One of the Yarmouth fishermen who attended the meeting, Ricky Nickerson, told media that most people are angry because "there's been absolutely no direction from the (federal) government on how this is supposed to be dealt with." Nickerson said that he couldn't believe that the government didn't have some kind of a contingency plan prepared for when this decision was announced.

Grand Keptin of the Mi'kmaq Grand Council, Alex Denny, told both media and government that the Supreme Court ruling should come as no surprise to anyone. Lost month, on Mi'kmaq Treaty Day, Mr. Denny spoke about the "10's of centuries before the whiteman came," and how the Mi'kmaq nurtured and protected the forests, the oceans and the environment. He said that times haven't changed that much, and that the Mi'kmaq would continue to operate as they always had. He added that once the emotion and anger subsides, "we will all have to get together and get down to new ways of conserving and enjoying our Atlantic fisheries."

Mr. Denny also expressed his displeasure at having to see his people wait so long to have their 1760 treaty agreement ratified. And he took the time to assure Canadians that it was not the 30,000 Mi'kmaq, "nor the seals" who increased the "shellfish harvest in Atlantic Canada between 1900 and 1970 by more than one

billion" pounds.

"As Mi'kmaq Nation Elders and leaders and holders of our treaty," said the sombre Denny, "we are tired of seeing Ottawa and the provinces destroying what we and our ancestors spent our lives trying to protect. This should not be a day for anger, this should be a day for celebration."

In response to government comments that hinted of possibly suspending the Native fishing ruling, Alex Denny said that even if they wanted to, "the government does not have the power to change the Constitution." Instead, he said, it is time to sit down and work together in a collective manner, a manner which "will guarantee that fisheries continues to be an important renewable resource both for us and for the generations that will follow us."

Much of the anger and resentment that has reared its head into the nation's front page headlines during the past month comes in response to what non-Natives involved in the fisheries industry call "large numbers" of non-status and Metis who have set lobster traps along the shore. Some sources have claimed that following the court ruling, "many non-status Natives, such as Metis, set traps in the area, claiming they had a right to fish without licences and out of season."

Philip Fraser, speaking to CBC-TV on behalf of the New Brunswick Aboriginal People's Congress, an organization that deals with non-Status Indian issues, said that today's troubles stem from "the lack of political will" that has dominated Aboriginal issues since Confederation. He said that if the "lack of government action" continues, the court may have to resolve the fishing/hunting/gathering rights question for all Aboriginal Canadians. He said that plans and strategies are currently being discussed and that the matter of rights for non-Status Natives would not go away until a satisfactory resolution has been found.

In a recent statement to media, the federal Fisheries Department said that non-status Natives are not entitled to the benefits of the recent court ruling.

In the days following the Supreme Court decision numerous meetings were held between federal Fisheries Minister Herb Dhalival and members of both the Native and non-Native fishing communities. Increasing violence and threats of violence have forced all parties involved in the fishing dispute to realize that it will take talks, not fights, to resolve the conflict and bring the matter to a successful conclusion. Many of the Aboriginal people involved in the dispute are calling for a mediator as non-Natives continue to smash traps and destroy Native-owned property.

The man whose appeal trial may have set a new precedent for Aboriginal rights in Canada, 46 year old, Donald Marshall, is no stranger to courtroom drama. This is the second time he's had to fight government from an unfair vintage point, and it's the second time he's won his case.

Donald Marshall's first bad luck event with Canada's justice system came in 1971 when he was convicted for the murder of a black teenager. Police failed to check out his alibi and refused to believe him when he reiterated the events that lead up to the death of young, Sandy Seal, in a Sydney, Nova Scotia park.

Marshall was acquitted in 1983 by the Court of Appeal when an eyewitness came forward and told police about what he saw on the night of the murder, May 28, 1971.

Though released after serving 11 years of his sentence, Marshall's victory wasn't complete until 1989 when a Royal Commission into Marshall's case determined that he'd been a victim of poor policing and a system fuelled by racism.

During the angry days that followed the September 17 Supreme Court ruling Donald Marshall told his fellow Nova Scotians that he'd been having trouble sleeping and blamed himself for the escalation of ill will that had turned Nova Scotians against one another.

"We should ease off and take our traps out of the water and start talking at the table," he pleaded. "That's the only way we are going to solve the problem. We are not going to prove anything out on the waters. It's just creating a lot of chaos."

As this newspaper goes to press a new round of talks and developments could be underway. The federal government has appointed negotiator James MacKenzie to sit down at the bargaining table to help develop a plan that will see both Native

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# Aboriginal women seeking office in great numbers

by Mark McCallum

Women rule when it comes to the politics of the Metis Nation of Alberta. And they're not alone, according to statistics suggesting nationwide Aboriginal women are seeking office in increasingly greater numbers.

The Assembly of First Nations says the number of chiefs who are women has nearly doubled in the last three years, climbing to a high of between 80 and 90 from coast to coast at last count. The AFN, which is updating its records to reflect gender, estimates more than 700 women sit on the tribal councils of the country's 633 First Nations.

Voters cast ballots in the Sept. 7 Metis election had an all-time high of one dozen women to choose from in regions throughout Alberta. The Metis Nations top two elected officials are now women and three more were captured seats on its 14-member provincial council. In the end five women—the most in the organization's storied 71-year history—were elected from a total of 49 candidates province-wide.

Incumbent Metis president Audrey Poitras may have set the standard during the last election in 1996, when she made history by becoming the first woman to head the Metis Nation. Voters returned her to office while electing another woman to the second highest ranking job at the Metis Nation.

Now in the event Poitras cannot complete her three-year term, the presidency would go to Brenda Bryan-Calliou, provincial vice-president. The other women elected were elected Zone 3 vice-president Marlene Lanz, and newcomers Bev New, president of Zone 5, and Sylvia Johnson, president of Zone 6.

The success of the women across Canada shouldn't surprise anyone, says Lewis Cardinal, coordinator of Native Students Services at the University of Alberta. He says if you go back to a time before Louis Riel, it is clear Native women were governing.

"Aboriginal women were very much a part of the power structure before

contact," Cardinal says, citing the work of Native American author Paula Gunnallan who suggests up to 98 percent of pre-European Native communities were "gynocratic" or women centred. This means women sat in council during all crucial decisions that could affect the core of the community, he explains, adding that women are being accepted back into the political fold. "It seems that Aboriginal women are returning to the scope of politics."

There are signs suggesting Aboriginal women are also gaining admittance into mainstream politics. Even in Alberta's traditionally stoic and predictable arena of conservative politics, voters habitually elect the Hon. Pearl Calahasen. The Metis woman is serving her third consecutive term of office, eclipsing a decade in the incumbent MLA's Lesser Slave Lake riding, located geographically and perhaps fittingly, in the heart of wildrose country.

Once a vocal backbencher in Premier Ralph Klein's government, Calahasen has climbed in rank to member of cabinet in the powerful provincial party. She was appointed associate minister of Aboriginal Affairs this spring, and she has accomplished all this in a conservative party that has become nearly as etched in Alberta's political landscape, as Mount Rushmore's tribute to leadership in the United States.

"It's empowering," Calahasen says of the women elected to lead the Metis Nation. When asked to comment on the election results at the recent swearing-in of Alberta's Metis leaders in Edmonton, Calahasen said, "I think it bodes well for our (Metis) community."

Aboriginal women are also making strides in federal politics. Native MP Ethel Blondin-Andrew has become entrenched in Jean Chretien's government. And the Prime Minister appointed Alberta Metis Thelma Chalifoux to Canada's Senate two years ago, although fate may have somehow played a part in it. Senator Chalifoux once headed and was a long-serving member of the Metis Senate before joining Canada's Senate. The senator — also one of the first women elected to the Metis provincial council nearly a decade ago — said others came before her.

Joanne Daniels, daughter of late Stan Daniels, was elected provincial vice-president when the Metis Nation chose its leaders yearly by a show of hands at its annual assembly. "She was the first," Senator Chalifoux says, adding Calgary's Mary Smith was the first elected to the Metis Nation via the now standard provincial ballot-box election.

"Times have really, really changed," acknowledges Chalifoux, recalling the first woman to seek the Metis Nation's presidency, noted author Marie Campbell, was soundly defeated in the early '70s. "She got 11 votes."

Other women attempted the same feat after Campbell's lopsided loss. Senator Chalifoux twice failed to capture the Metis presidency. Having a famous name didn't guarantee victory either. It didn't secure Daniels the job her father practically owned while he lived. The same was true for Cindy Desmeules whose father, the late Larry Desmeules, was elected two times to the presidency before his death in 1993.

Senator Chalifoux says many Metis women traditionally occupied the role of family and community matriarchs, but were hard pressed to find acceptance from reluctant Metis voters known for their aversion to change. "Metis women are gaining respect as political leaders; we've always been leaders of our families and our communities," she concludes.

This is the first time the Metis Nation's provincial council will be led by so many women, but its grassroots community associations known as locals, are largely governed by women who head 26 of the 65 Metis locals in Alberta.

Still, doesn't the success of these recently elected Metis women somehow seem like an unusual occurrence to happen in a province known more for its stampedes, roughnecks and hockey players than its liberal politics?

Not really, says Cardinal, adding the influence of male dominated Old World colonial politics appears to be vanishing in the Aboriginal community. "I think we'll see more Aboriginal women in leadership roles," he predicts.

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# AMA says they'll ban Hobbema residents from auto insurance

by Ennis Morris

The Alberta Motor Association (AMA) recently announced that they would no longer offer Hobbema drivers vehicle insurance after what they say has been years of losses from bad drivers in the area.

Beth Currie, an area resident with a clean drivers record, told media earlier this month that she thought the move by the AMA was "a very, very dangerous precedent. They've targeted an entire community," she added, "even drivers with a good record." Currie said that she would discontinue her AMA membership and called for others across the province to do the same.

True, said AMA spokesman Dan VanKeeken, who confirmed that people residing within the postal code district T0C 1N0 would no longer qualify for insurance with the popular Alberta insurer.

"I think they're really targeting Native people," said area resident Fred Stoyka, in conversation with Edmonton media. Residing just a few kilometres from Hobbema and the four Aboriginal tribes that make their home there, Stoyka, who is not insured through the AMA, said it wasn't fair for the company to single out any one segment of the population.

Dan VanKeeken has said from the beginning that the AMA has not taken a racist attitude. After making the no-more-insurance announcement in the middle

of October, the AMA came under heavy criticism from both area residents and Albertans in general.

"If it was racism," offered VanKeeken, "we would not insure any Natives anywhere in the province. But we continue to insure thousands and thousands of them outside this area."

"What's next?" asked Edmontonian Virander Aminend. "Will the AMA suddenly decide that East Indians eat too much curry to be insured? Will they decide that the Chinese have too many restaurants? Will they decide that the English put too much vinegar on their chips? Will they decide that the risk of damage to an interior of a car is too great for families that have more than one child? It is not a good thing when a company can pick out an area that is dominated by one race of people and then tell the world that they are too dirty, or too careless or too stupid to be included. I think we have not heard the end of this."

Indian Association of Alberta president Mel Buffalo said his organization would look into the matter to ensure that the AMA broke no laws with their announcement of non-service for Hobbema residents, 95 percent of whom are of Native descent.

It is expected that Native communities across the province will get together to discuss strategies and paths of recourse.

"Boycotts, disturbances, peaceful protests, court action—'who knows,'" said one Native leader who, when contacted for comment, asked to remain unnamed for the moment. "One thing you can count on—this subject will not go away until every question has been answered, every legality looked at. We do not intend to allow the Alberta Motor Association to create its own laws, so they better have made good and sure of their position before they made their announcement."

## Seeking office

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The U of A's Cardinal blames the patriarchal politics of non-Native colonisers for robbing the Aboriginal community of perhaps some of its greatest leaders. He says the Indian Act discriminated against women and effectively exiled countless Native women from reserves, for marrying non-Natives. The same rule didn't apply to Native men. (The Indian Act was amended slightly in 1985 by Bill C-31 allowing some Aboriginal women to return to their First Nations homes.)

This year when the 100th anniversary of the Treaty 8 signing was commemorated in Alberta, Cardinal says stories surfaced of how Native leaders circumvented the patriarchal prejudices that prevailed in 1899.

The commissioners who signed Treaty 8 were said to be uncompromising in their refusal to negotiate with Native women, says Cardinal. "They said, 'we will only deal with men.'" But, he adds details of the talks were channelled secretly between the Native men and women who governed together at the time, though in separate quarters at the treaty negotiations.

Cardinal laughs at the thought of the commissioners who must have been puzzled as the talks unfolded, because of the certain delays caused as the two camps. "These are the stories that were told to me by my elders."

Whether the commissioners' actions were fuelled by arrogant prejudices, or a calculated attempt to disrupt traditional Aboriginal leadership in the pursuit of systematic cultural genocide, is open to speculation.

One thing certain is the sting of discrimination can still be felt today, says Blyan-Calliou, the Metis Nation's second in command. Growing up in the province that gave birth to the Reform Party hasn't been easy at times, acknowledges the woman. "You have to overcome a lot of challenges like racism."

Muriel Stanley-Venne, President of the Institute for the Advancement of Aboriginal Women, seconds that notion. "We don't even have an advisory council for women in this province any more. That hasn't been there for years," says the longtime Aboriginal women's activist, whose organization represents 400 mem-

bers. But, "we have very progressive women ... (and) they have come forward, so obviously they're passionate about the issues and the needs of their families and children."

Both women are quick to point out the Aboriginal community is not part of the mainstream, so what's happening in Aboriginal political circles is not surprising. "The voters realize it's not a question of men and women any more ... it's a matter of whether you can do the job," says Stanley-Venne, whose name can also be added to that list of women unsuccessful in winning voters' confidence and the Metis presidency not too long ago.

At the end of the day, what's wrong with having women run things? Does it really matter that women will be at the helm of the Metis Nation?

"It remains to be seen," says Blyan-Calliou. "I suppose people are saying, 'Now what are these women going to do? Where are they going to take us?' We are under the microscope."

She suggests that maybe we're making a mountain out of a mole hill with all this talk of women ruling the roost. The Metis Nation's current leadership consists of a good mix, insists Blyan-Calliou. "Our board is really representative of our Metis people. We've got women, men, disabled, older experienced leaders, and young new ones ... that's a really good sign."

Okay, so maybe she has a point. Maybe, too much has been made of this. But,

the sexes are different and common sense says women will at least govern differently, doesn't it? Says Blyan-Calliou: "We look at governing from the point of family. The women offer a more wholistic perspective ... (but) I would like to think that as a leader I carry on what our forefathers began."



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# Stop the Addictions Cycle

## Keeping the circle strong

by Peter Cole

The circle is important in the life of Native people. The circle means community commitment. It means cooperation, mutual support. Trust. It means sharing, equally distributing power and resources. A circle can expand infinitely in an outward direction as well as concentrically, allowing people to act within the meaning and context of one another. There is a natural tendency for strong spiritual, emotional, and physical bonds to be created and maintained in a circular structure. When you let alcohol become your confidante, your counsellor, your lover, your major point of contact with the world, you weaken the circle. It will break at that point and the affected individual will become emotionally, physically, and spiritually traumatized.

When a bottle is passed around the circle, the integrity of the individual is destroyed. The desire to cope is gone. The desire to face unenhanced reality disappears. The circle becomes a series of unconnected dots. People stop caring about their community, about themselves. They become the experience, the disease of alcoholism. Alcohol becomes the only connection. A bidirectional arrow going nowhere.

Everyone's heard it—that alcoholism is a disease, that it creates mutual dependencies, that healing is a process requiring intervention. We all know alcoholics, substance abusers. Many or most of us are disempowered individuals who have disenfranchised themselves, given their vote, their freedom to anything that will enhance reality. Like booze, cocaine, hashish, pharmaceuticals, coffee, tobacco, television, endorphins. Any kind of stimulant, so long as it distracts us from the process, the reality of being human in a society which devalues individual integrity.

There are no legends, no old stories, myths from my people, the Coast Salish, that talk about widespread reliance on artificial ways of coping with life. You have the sweat, fasting, dancing, exposure to the elements, the immense power of consensual reality, people working together. Native people knew about fermented fruit, about grain rusts and mushrooms and peyote and herbs and poisons. They were there, part of nature, part of everything. So, why wasn't there the wholesale abuse, the imminent addiction?

Because Native people had sovereignty. We were the mainstream—not marginalized like we are today. Because the first peoples of this country did not have the concept of the 'high' as being something separate from themselves, something to be exploited, something in which to hide, somewhere to go to deny



that there were problems in the world that had to be dealt with. There were problems. There were ways of running away from them. But the community helped the individual and the individual was part of the community. There was no conceptual distancing of the self from society, no differentiation of problems into those concerning just one person and those involving everyone. People shared their lives with one another. They rejoiced and suffered together.

Today you have huge numbers of Aboriginal people who have no sense of purpose, no sense of place. Urban and rural derelicts. People isolated from one another, from their own inner wholeness. People who have forgotten their culture, their history, their language. Why? Because tradition has been lost, destroyed. Replaced by values from a foreign culture. These values have been created by institutions such as churches, schools, bureaucracies—places of confinement and behavioural modification.

We as Native people do not have access to our rights as human beings. We have only legislated rights which allow us to function within the institutions of a bureaucratic society. We need to be self-determining. We need our own culture, our own language. We need what cannot be given to us, because no-one can give us what is rightfully ours.

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# 12th National Addictions Awareness Week set for November 14-20

by John Copley

During recent years one of the biggest social concerns throughout Canada's many communities has been the increase in youth dependency on alcohol and/or other drugs. As a result, numerous studies by various agencies and organizations have been conducted and in turn a variety of information and awareness programs have been created. One of these programs, National Addictions Awareness Week (NAAW), takes place this year from November 14 - 20.

One of the many addictions studies conducted took place a couple of years ago by the Vancouver-based organization, Kishkt Anaqut Health Research and Program Development. Their studies found trends similar to those discovered by the Alberta-based Nechi Institute, administrators of National Addictions Awareness Week—Keep the Circle Strong.

The Kishkt Anaqut study indicated that the risk of drug and alcohol abuse in Native communities is three to six times greater than the national average. Suicide, often associated with addiction problems, was also found to be much higher than the national average. The report points out, for example, that Saskatchewan's Indigenous children from birth to 14 years of age have "a suicide rate that is 27.5 times greater than the national average and as high as 33.6 times greater than other children living in Saskatchewan."

The report also predicted that Native men are more likely to over-indulge in alcohol while women tend to abuse drugs. In the Inuit and Dene populations alone, says the report, "30 percent of the men and 16 percent of the women used cannabis within the past year."

But drug and alcohol abuse is not limited to Native communities. National Addictions Awareness Week is designed to bridge the information gap within all of Canada's communities, where drug, alcohol and gambling addictions are now

proven to be on the rise.

A variety of healing perspectives are currently available in all communities, with many institutions offering in-patient and out-patient care programs as well as discussion groups and individual counselling sessions.

One of the best known sources for drug recovery programs in Alberta is AADAC, the Alberta Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission, a government funded agency designed to help Albertans achieve a life free of abuse of alcohol, other drugs and gambling. AADAC and its 25 funded agencies provide a unique and versatile range of services in more than 35 Alberta communities.

AADAC spokespersons describe the organization as one that "assists Albertans through both prevention and treatment services."

More treatment facilities are open today than ever before and ongoing government and private sector programs continue to pave the way for those wishing to put their lives back in perspective.

AADAC's approach is "holistic and positive," explain organization spokespersons who say their programs "address the person, their environment and their daily challenges. We build on the strengths of the individual, their family and their community. We are also fully aware that most people are likely to change addictive behaviour, or avoid it altogether, if they feel capable of managing their own lives, without abusing alcohol, drugs or gambling."

Some of AADAC's services are offered through their own offices, others are handled by the dozens of agencies that work with and are funded by AADAC. The network of services offered by AADAC include community education and prevention services, detoxification, outpatient counselling, residential treatment, residential support (halfway houses), youth treatment, overnight shelter, opiate dependency program (methadone maintenance), training and a gambling crisis line.

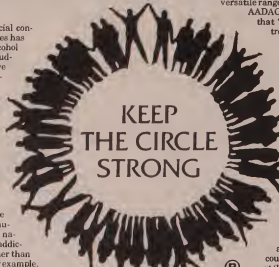
Meanwhile, the Alberta-based Nechi Institute, founded in 1974 to provide training for Aboriginal addictions counsellors, is holding a special presentation banquet on the last day of Addictions Awareness Week this year to celebrate the success stories now being achieved in the many communities they or their programs are involved with.

Throughout their 24 years of service, Nechi has grown to become one of the world's leaders in addictions research and program development. They're currently involved in programs that include family violence, grief management and sexual abuse and offer both their programs and expertise on an international level.

To celebrate their 25th Anniversary Nechi has issued an open invitation for anyone interested in attending or nominating an individual, agency or community who has "made a positive impact on addictions awareness and healing."

Nechi Institute spokespersons say that "since the very early days of addictions awareness and the first efforts of our people to heal, there have been those who have exhibited tireless strength, initiative and devotion to "Keep The Circle Strong." Unfortunately, these efforts have often gone unwarded or, worse, unnoticed. We are proud to offer an opportunity to honour our unsung heroes with a Nechi Medal of Distinction. We invite you to submit your nomination to ensure national recognition is given to your family member, community, organization or agency representative, youth leadership, health representative, political leadership, Elder, Senator, a friend, a teacher or people who possess those qualities which make ordinary extraordinary."

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# Rising Sun provides ray of hope for inner city families, individuals

by John Copley



One of reasons so many young people have a hard time getting off drugs and alcohol is that they have nothing to occupy their time. When no alternatives to these two addicting elements are present in a young man or young woman's life, the end result is often less than positive. That's one of the reasons Jim Nakano and Shawna Seneca founded Edmonton's Rising Sun Club and it's paying off, especially for the youth who now have an alternative to cruising the bar rooms and bathrooms looking for the wrong kind of action.

"That's the reality of it," explained Nakano during a recent interview with *Alberta Native News*. "People often don't follow through on their commitment to recovery if there's nothing positive to attract their interest. The Rising Sun Club provides that alternative."

Nakano got the idea for Rising Sun from the Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society and the Fresh Start Recovery Program, two local organizations that both work to enhance the lives of young people through the arts.

The two story facility, located at 11748-95 Street offers an abundant array of programs for youth and their families. While the teens and tots play pool and cards and listen to their favourite music, the adults take part in weekly discussion groups that give them the opportunity to learn and grow and gain a better understanding about how they can help their kids and grandchildren cope with their individual problems.

"The participation level is high," said Nakano, who opened the doors of the facility with the help of local sponsors and some hard work from the volunteer families that chipped in to help renovate the space donated by the owner of the building.

"The Fresh Start Recovery Program," explained Nakano, "offers individuals and groups an alternative approach to dealing with substance abuse problems. The program facilitates the need for open discussion and individual counselling."

The Bent Arrow Society and the Fresh Start Recovery Program are both charitable organizations. They've partnered to develop Rising Sun and together provide a unique series of programs designed to create awareness, broaden knowledge, provide alternatives and enhance self esteem.

The Rising Sun Family Substance Abuse Day Program is open weekdays until four in the afternoon. That's when the Rising Sun Cafe and Sober Dance Club takes over.

"The programs and projects we undertake provide alternatives from a unique standpoint," explained the Rising Sun founder. "Our programs are not abstinence-based and don't deal with the 12-step philosophy. Instead we concentrate on rational recovery and harm reduction via interaction and positive role modelling."

Rising Sun currently offers a series of low risk programs to anyone in the community interested in participating. The organization is also able to act as a referral agency when special circumstances arise.

When the Alberta Avenue Business Association was approached by Bent Arrow, Alberta Fresh Start and Destinations Project last summer they gave their unanimous endorsement and helped to promote the drop-in and resource centre by running an article about the program in their annual publication.

Donna Mah, the District Office Manager with Alberta Family and Social Services, is also impressed with the program. In a letter written to the organization last winter she writes: "The success of the Rising Sun Cafe is being talked about by more than the professionals involved with the human service industry. Individuals involved in the child welfare program have personally shared with me the benefits of the cafe in helping them rehabilitate. The 'clean and sober atmosphere' and support network that has developed in the community are viewed as resources which assist individuals in maintaining sobriety once formal treatment is concluded..."

"The support we have received from everyone—government, business, community members, program participants—has been outstanding," adds Nakano.

"We're proud of our achievements and we know that over the past 16 months there's been a lot of restored pride throughout the community. We welcome interested parties to give us a call or drop by for a visit." The

Rising Sun Cafe and Sober Club is operated through self-generated funds donated via the organization's mainstay, the Rising Sun Family Abuse Day Program. When the numbers of people attending the day programs are down, as they currently are, funds for the evening alternative programs for youth are in short supply. The organization is currently seeking additional sources of revenue and welcomes donations of any size.

Your support is appreciated by everyone involved," assures Nakano. "If there's something you or your organization can do to help keep the Cafe and Sober Club active, give us call or drop in for a visit."

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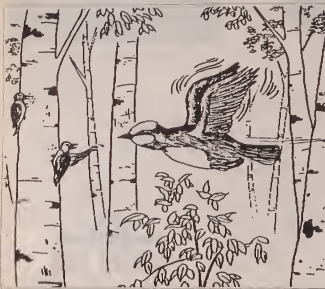
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It is told that "Weskuchanis" the whiskey jack was a very ordinary bird who had a short tail, short wings and a rather large head. There was nothing very beautiful about him and this caused great concern to Weskuchanis. Often the plain old whiskey jack was the subject of scorn and laughter by the other birds of the forest.

Wesukchahk thought this over for awhile and then spoke to the bird, "Go and borrow some feathers from the other birds and put them on your coat. They will make you very handsome."



So, one day the bird asked his older brother, Wesukchahk, what he should do in order to look more distinguished when he met with other birds of the woods. "Wesukchahk, can you help me? I want to look very important and handsome."

So Weskuchanis flew off and considered the suggestion made by his older brother. Now in the month when the leaves are turning red and gold, the birds hold great powwows before they go south for the winter. Soon it would be time for such a powwow and the whiskey jack was determined to attend with a new set of feathers.

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So he went around to all the birds in the forest and begged for a feather or two here and there. With the new feathers, Weskuchanis made a fine long tail and strong wide wings for himself.



Now the whiskey jack was one fine looking bird! The time came for the great powwow, so Weskuchanis flew off in of the great meeting.



But flying along he found that he could not control his wings and tail properly. Suddenly he would turn and almost fall to the ground. He couldn't fly level very well either. When he flapped his wings he soared and then swooped downward. The whiskey jack arrived at the powwow by sailing out of the sky and crashing into the ground. The other birds laughed and laughed.

Niskuh, the Canada goose, teased him, "My, how graceful you are, Weskuchanis."

The whiskey jack was very sad and embarrassed. He flew off into the forest as the birds kept taunting and teasing him. There he tried pulling out the feathers he had borrowed but they stuck fast to his body. It was obvious that the poor whiskey jack would never fly well again so he decided to stay in the forest by himself.



To this day, Weskuchanis is very clumsy in the air and does not associate with other birds. He prefers to spend his time close to the camps of people.

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# Under the Northern Sky

## Singing the blues

by Xavier Kataquapit

I notice this time of the year seems to be very hard on many people. In the late fall, on the edge of winter, the days are often dull. The long sunny days of summer are gone and the daylight hours get shorter with every passing day. As a matter of fact it is no accident that we get the blues more often during the winter months when the sun is a stranger. It has been proven that lack of sunlight can result in depression.

In remote First Nation communities at this time of the year people face the long cold winter. Mind you it is also easy to find a lot of great things about winter, however many people slip into depression with this season. Depression seems to be a big problem with Native and non-Native people but to me it seems to be very critical among Natives. I know that I have to deal with some depression and I have found ways to do so. I guess the first thing I learned to do was to be aware

of my depression so that I was not in denial.

Most people I know are like myself with great highs and great lows. To deal with this I try to find a balance and I do this most of the time by reminding myself how lucky I am to have the life that has been given to me. I believe in the power of prayer and the healing that comes with it. I also believe in keeping busy and active. If I am doing something positive in my day it makes me feel good. People don't realize how hard life can be sometimes in remote First Nation communities. As a people, many of us are still trying to find our way through the chaos of drug and alcohol abuse. We do not have all of the services and facilities that are available in southern communities. Still we do have support groups and thankfully many people who are clean, sober and working hard to have a life so they can contribute to their community.

It seems to me that we Cree from up the James Bay coast also need contact with the earth. It was my experience when I lived in Attawapiskat that a ride or a walk down to the rapids or a snowmobile jaunt to a place under the starry night sky made me feel good. Some people refer to this as communing with nature or meditation and I really believe it to be a depression

fighter. Reading has always been something I have enjoyed and it seems to be an antidote for the blues.

When the blues come to town it helps to have hobbies that allow you to express yourself like playing a musical instrument, drawing or writing. Recently, I learned to play the guitar and I have found this pastime to be a real pleasure and a form of meditation. Good old physical exercise from a simple walk to a competitive team game can also create a good feeling.

There is much to do in a day even if that day seems dull or difficult. Sometimes all it takes to turn a bad day into a good day is a little effort. It helps if you can actually say or do something that makes another person's day a little better. If you can manage to say something kind or to bring a little humour to someone then magically you help yourself. It is my hope that I may have done this for you today.



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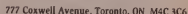
Elders, Native leaders, former residential school students, journalists, lawyers, church representatives and government officials crowded into the standing room only courtroom on the last day of September and the first day of October. The hearing, presided over by Justice T.F. McMahon, began with meetings and conversations between lawyers and judge, at first not including even so much as a welcome to Native Elders and/or the many victims who crowded the

Frans Slatter, a lawyer representing the Roman Catholic defendants, took a different stance and alleged that the province's legislation regarding time limits to file charges could put many of the plaintiffs' claims on hold forever. He said that the six year limitation to file charges of injury in Alberta could result in many of the cases, some 30 years old and

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# Artist awarded undisclosed settlement in residential school abuse case

by Ennis Morris



Two days of heart rending testimony in a Victoria courtroom brought back many terrible memories for residential school survivor Art Thompson, but after hearing his testimony, lawyers for the defence didn't contest his evidence. Instead they negotiated an out-of-court settlement for an undisclosed amount of money and an agreement that Thompson, now 50 years of age, could "not discuss" the terms of the settlement.

Mr. Thompson, an accomplished artist and a member of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation, was plucked from his home when he was just five years old and interned in the now-notorious Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS), a government-sponsored, United Church of Canada administered facility that closed in the late 1970s.

During the Supreme Court hearing, Mr. Thompson likened the Alberni school to a concentration camp and told the court that the whiteman's religion has "killed the souls" of many Indigenous Canadians.

Saying that he's "come to terms" with his history, Art Thompson is now just trying to get on with his life, but he will likely be in court at least once more. That's because other family members are part of a multi-party lawsuit set to determine United Church-government complicity in the atrocities that took place at the Alberni residential school facility.

Thompson says he's anxious to see that those responsible for abusing young children feel the full

measure of the law. He's getting his wish. So far more than a dozen former abusers have had their day in court—none have yet escaped unpunished. The RCMP have been investigating complaints and allegations of abuse from former Indian residential school students for several years, the result of which has been a string of confessions and/or convictions.

Included on the list of residential school pedophiles convicted to date are former Lower Post residential school supervisor, Jerry Maczynski, handed a 16 year prison sentence for sexual abuse; Bishop Hubert O'Connor and former St. George's Anglican residential school supervisor, Derek Clarke, already serving time for 17 previous convictions. Included on the list of former schools that came under RCMP scrutiny and investigation are Lower Post, Fraser Lake, Alert Bay, Sechelt, Tofino, Kamloops, Cranbrook, Chemainus, Chilliwack, North Vancouver and Williams Lake.

Near the end of the trial and after a short break the settlement was announced to the court. Supreme Court Justice Donald Brenner congratulated both sides for negotiating their deal before adjourning the matter.

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## people in the news

### Willie Littlechild inducted to Order of Canada

Alberta Native lawyer, Willie Littlechild, is one of four Edmontonians recently inducted into the Order of Canada. Littlechild, a member of the Hobbema First Nation, was one of Canada's first Native MPs, representing Wetaskiwin from 1988 to 1993. He is also well-known for his active participation in seeking justice for Aboriginal Canadians and for his work with many Indigenous groups across Alberta.

Other Edmontonians invested to the Order of Canada by Governor General Romeo LeBlanc in a recent Ottawa ceremony include University of Alberta Chancellor, Lois Hole, local volunteer, Arliss Miller and well-known antique collector, Stan Reynolds.

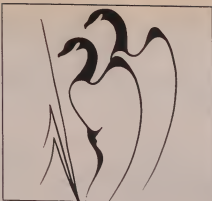
First established by the Trudeau government in 1967, The Order of Canada was established to recognize outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavour. The first person to be invested in the Order was the Right Honourable Roland Michener, on July 5, 1967. Appointments are made on the recommendation of an Advisory Council, chaired by the Chief Justice of Canada. Any individual may nominate a fellow citizen for appointment to the Order by sending a letter of recommendation to the Director of Honours, The Chancellery, Government House, Ottawa.

### Time honours Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond

Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond is the first Aboriginal woman to ever sit on Saskatchewan's provincial bench. She's also the first Saskatchewan female provincial court judge to be named by *Time Magazine's* Canadian edition as a leader of the 21st century. *Time Magazine's* recognition of Turpel-Lafond derived from her consistent advocacy for restorative justice. By involving Aboriginal Elders and community leaders in judicial matters, including the counselling and sentencing of Native peoples, Turpel-Lafond has had a positive impact both on the bench and in the Saskatoon community she serves.

"I just try to make good decisions," she said when asked by media to explain what impact she thought she was making on the community. "I can't really say I spend much time thinking about my impact."

Time Canada editor, George Russell, said Judge Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond fit the description they were looking for. "We were looking for people who's behaviour was making waves, who are having an effect," he said.



### Author, activist Bridget Moran passes away

One of Canada's most outspoken social workers is dead, but the stories she wrote and the memories she left will live on forever.

Bridget Moran was 75 years old when she passed away last month in Prince George, B.C. Her life, filled with hard times and obstacles overcome, became more than just existing when she began to turn her thoughts and dreams and aspirations into words that never quite seemed to satiate the appetites of her growing audience. She spent 13 tumultuous years with British Columbia's Social Services department, a job that ended soon after a run-in with W.A.C. Bennett's Social Credit party in 1964.

Angered by government's incorrect assessment of the needs of a young girl with a mental disorder, Moran fired off a letter to her bosses, complaining about the government's inadequate services and its unfair treatment of Native Canadians and the elderly. She was promptly fired. Months later, after repeated battles with government for reinstatement, Bridget Moran won her job back—only to refuse it. She said she'd rather be without the job than to live by quietly and agree to keep quiet about the flaws of the Social Services department.

Three of Bridget Moran's books dealt with the lives of the province's Aboriginal people. Two of her book titles about Native life include *Judgment at Stony Creek* and *Justa*. The third, *Stony Creek Woman*, released in 1988, won her the Historic Federation's Lieutenant Governor's Medal in 1999. The book, about the life of Native Elder, Mary Joe, was inspired by 1976 real-life events that brought national attention on the disparity between Aboriginal Canadians and white society.

### Fishing rights, Continued from page 6

and non-Native fishermen working side by side. The move, however, has sparked ire among some of the non-Native fishermen in the Yarmouth region, causing them to once again launch their boats and begin wreaking havoc on Aboriginal nets and related property.

Ironically, just hours before, and immediately following the announcement of MacKenzie's involvement, Acadia First Nation Chief Deborah Robinson told media the reserve would honour the moratorium and sit down at the negotiating tables until an agreement could be reached.

About the same time Robinson was committing her people to the bargaining table, co-chair of the Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations, Chief Lawrence Paul, was announcing his delight at the possibility of a settlement.

"We are very pleased with the announcement," he said. "We need meaningful dialogue with fisheries officials and commercial fishermen. We realize we have to regulate the fishery and we have to have quotas and conservation measures. We don't want to be deemed irresponsible."

In response to media questions about the volatility in the region by non-Native fishermen, Don Cunningham, an area fish plant owner/operator said he thought "they (commercial fishermen) are frustrated and feel they want to do something, even if it's only coming to Yarmouth and gathering to show the public that the fishing industry means something."

The gathering, however, became nasty when nearly 100 non-Native fishermen, sailing from numerous small fishing ports along the coast, began an unbridled attack on fishing nets and traps belonging to the Aboriginal people in the area.

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# Shooting pool in Aboriginal country

by Kevin M. Cardinal

Hello Taseil

First, let me introduce myself to you. My name is Kevin M. Cardinal, a Cree from the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve in Alberta, Canada. I have won the North American B.C.A (Billiards Congress of America) Singles Championships 2 consecutive years: 1996 Open and 1997 Masters division titles, the only male player to accomplish this feat in history of the championships in Las Vegas, Nevada. These championship tournaments consist of singles, scotch doubles (male and female), minis and team play.

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I am a professional player in the sport of pool. I want to let you the reader know this will be a monthly article. Let this be our communication avenue for tournament updates, stories, results, any material on the game of pool. So readers/players send your suggestions, questions or comments to e-mail cardinalkevin@hotmail.com or send letters to Alberta Native News, Suite 330, 10115 - 100A Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2W2 Ph: (780) 421-7966

## Pool News

*Hats off to pool fanatics from Paul Band Reserve*

**Players:** Billy Adams, Willis Rain, Kelly Rain, and Percy Rain from the Paul Band hosted a summer 8-ball tournament July 17, 1999. Tournament site was Mikes Sport Bar & Lounge in the heart of Spruce Grove, Alberta. These guys are pool advocates for their area and proud of it. Each week, (for eight months) they take the hour drive from Paul Band Reserve to Edmonton to play their league matches. Talk about true diehards to the sport they enjoy, way to go guys!

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# Justice for All

## Aboriginal justice to prevail in new pilot courtroom

by John Copley

Alberta Justice is creating a brand new court, to be headed by a brand new judge. The environment of the new pilot project is also new in Canada, at least in terms of location and mandate.

The new court, which will endeavour to first blend, then incorporate and utilize, a mixture of Aboriginal and traditional justice, will be operated and administered on central Alberta's Tsuu T'ina First Nation. Heading up the new court is newly appointed Alberta Provincial Court Judge Leonard (Tony) Mandamin, a well known and highly regarded Edmonton attorney and a former Edmonton Police Services Commissioner.

Judge Mandamin, born 55 years ago in Ontario's Wikwemikong First Nation community, moved to Edmonton in 1974. An outspoken critic who has often talked about the unfair treatment Natives receive in a court system they don't properly identify with, Mr. Mandamin is considered "a strong listener, able to find common ground and seek solutions."

So said friend, Brad Enge, director of the Indigenous Law Program at the University of Alberta in recent comments to media.

"His primary interest has always been to improve the conditions and quality of life for Aboriginal people," added Enge. "I'm sure he's very excited and proud."

Judge Mandamin doesn't assume his new post at the Tsuu T'ina court until early in the new year. Until then, he will prepare for his newest challenge. Already fully familiar with Alberta's justice system, Mr. Mandamin is also no stranger to Aboriginal justice.

Always a strong advocate for better (court) conditions, Mr. Mandamin once told a provincial task force on justice that he saw a "severe lack of confidence in the justice system among the Indian people. There is a very high degree of aspiration of the people to have their own courts."

Now they will. Mr. Mandamin, himself an advocate of "restorative justice," told the former Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples that what works for non-Natives, doesn't necessarily work for Natives, who put their emphasis for rehabilitation on restorative rather than punitive sentences and solutions.

The legal community has expressed its endorsement of the new provincial initiative but at least one university professor says the idea could fail if Judge Mandamin imparts his blended sentencing to non-Natives who may come before him in court.

"It may work well as far as the reserve population is concerned," said University of Calgary law professor, Chris Levy, in a recent Canadian Press story. "If, however, Judge Mandamin ends up having to deal with situations that don't involve Aboriginal people



and seeks to apply this blended system, then I think we are going to run into difficulties."

Assistant Provincial Court Chief Judge, Brian Stevenson, who says he hopes the new "pilot project will become a model for Canada," is also the man who will decide just where Judge Tony Mandamin will hold court. So far it's known that Mandamin will hold court in the Tsuu T'ina courtroom once a week, traveling to other locations in and around Calgary for the other four days.

During his tenure with the Edmonton Police Commission, Mr. Mandamin established a Native youth justice committee that in turn helped to develop sentencing circles. These circles are set up to include not only the perpetrator of a crime, but also the victims. To this end, the concept, much of it taken from that used by Arizona's Navajo Nation, is expected to be implemented in Alberta.

Canada's Supreme Court Justices have already determined that Native concerns, including justice, treaty rights, land claims, and social conditions, will be among the most important issues for government to resolve in the new millennium.

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# Canadian architect refuses to attend Washington ceremony

by John Copley

On Tuesday, September 28, more than 10 years after receiving approval via an Act of Congress for its development, the well known Smithsonian Institute held the official ground breaking ceremonies for its latest project, the National Museum of the American Indian.

Hundreds of Native leaders from across the continent and beyond gathered to celebrate the first step in creating what one observer called "a facility that will show and tell the world who and what we really are."

Construction of the \$115 million-plus museum, the 17th structure of its type to be administered by the Smithsonian Institute, is expected to begin almost immediately. The new museum is scheduled to open in conjunction with the summer solstice in the year 2002.

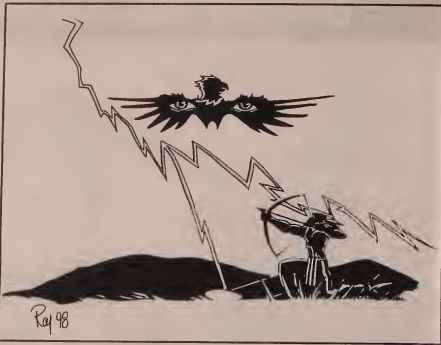
Although many of the guests who attended the ceremony were elated at both the prospect of having the museum built to enhance Aboriginal awareness to the world, and because of the great numbers of Native Americans who will be involved in the project, one of the key people in the process, Canadian architect, Doug Cardinal, was a no-show. He refused a late-arriving invitation to attend the ceremonies.

"Being the best-known architect in Canada doesn't matter," he said recently, in answer to his intention not to show up at the event. "To them, I'm just another Native American to be exploited."

Cardinal, who remains reserved and unfettered, is nonetheless disappointed, even angry at being left out of a project he was the first to design.

"They're trying to pass off a forged copy of my work on the American people," he said. "Frankly, I'm astounded."

Doug Cardinal, a Canadian architect of Blackfoot ancestry, was commissioned by the Smithsonian Institute nearly 10 years ago to produce and design construction drawings. He was fired in 1998 after a dispute over money and missed deadlines. Cardinal claims he was owed in excess of \$300,000. Smithsonian officials said Cardinal missed important deadlines and refused to submit the complete project designs. Upon Cardinal's termination the institute gave his drawings to a panel of Native and non-Native architects who developed the current design, using much of



Cardinal's original plans. The panel's initial concept was rejected by the Federal Commission on Fine Arts but approved after additional revisions were made.

Cardinal, calling the modified design "an artistic forgery," said the new facility, "instead of being a monument to the future of our peoples working together, is a monument to the past 500 years because it's just an exploitation of this Native American."

When the Commission on Fine Arts turned down the first revision, *Washington Post's* architecture critic, Benjamin Forgey, wrote of Cardinal: "To drop an architect with so strong and personal a vision in mid-course, and yet expect to continue in the same design direction, is a recipe for messiness and mediocrity, or

worse."

Cardinal won't say why he turned down the late arriving invitation to attend the ground breaking ceremonies for the new National Museum of the American Indian, but Smithsonian officials called its failure to get the invitation out on time an unfortunate error. The architect was quoted as saying, "you've heard the saying, a camel is a horse designed by a committee. Well, they've got the camel."

Doug Cardinal is still officially listed as the leading design architect of the new museum project, which will be erected on Washington's National Mall, a huge piece of real estate that stretches from the Capitol Building to Lincoln Memorial.

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# Building Our Communities

## Canative donates scholarships, buys house for students

by Mark McCallum

Canative Housing officials handed over the key to a house that may be the key to an education for many Aboriginal students attending the University of Alberta. The corporation handed over the key to a furnished house it has purchased for Aboriginal students at the U of A.

Metis House, located just off the university campus, will "accommodate Aboriginal students so that they may feel the support of a family-style residence," said Canative Housing CEO Herb Belcourt.

Thanks to Canative, Aboriginal students at the university will also have access to \$50,000 in bursaries and scholarships over the next 10 years. Up to \$5,000 per year will be awarded to First Nation and Metis students in financial need.

Aboriginal students at Athabasca University, NAIT and Grant MacEwan Community College can also thank Canative for scholarships that will total \$100,000 over the next 10 years. Canative donated \$50,000 to Athabasca University, \$25,000 to NAIT and \$25,000 to Grant MacEwan for Aboriginal scholarships, as well as \$10,000 to Edmonton Catholic Schools (for playground equipment for Ben Calf Road School) and \$10,000 to Native Counselling Services of Alberta (for a mediation program for Aboriginal students at York University).

The donations were announced September 29 at Alumni House on the U of A campus in Edmonton. On hand for the ceremony were U of A president Rod Fraser, Athabasca University president Dominique Abroux, Senator Thelma Chalifoux and the Hon. Pearl Calahassen, Associate Minister of Aboriginal Affairs. Dignitaries and speakers applauded Canative's benevolence.

"I only wish I had these supports when I was here attending university," Calahassen told a packed room of students, educators and media at Alumni House.

The highlight came when U of A Native Students Services coordinator Lewis Cardinal and the university's Aboriginal Students Council President, Derrick Houle accepted the key to Metis House from Orval Belcourt, President of Canative Housing. The \$300,000 Victorian house has been renovated to accommodate up to 10 students.

Cardinal says Metis House is part of a new housing program launched for Aboriginal students at the U of A. Native Students Services, in partnership with the U of A's Housing and Food Services, also runs Northern House, a four-unit apartment for Aboriginal students from the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and the Yukon.

"Our Aboriginal leadership in Alberta should be encouraged ... and know that Aboriginal students also need their help," Cardinal said, using the occasion to solicit as much support as possible for his Aboriginal Housing Program.

Fraser said the donations will assist the U of A in reaching its goal of increasing the school's Aboriginal



population. He said the university now has 900 Aboriginal students enrolled and wants to increase to about 1,500 — a total representing five percent of the entire school population. "We are very pleased by the tremendous generosity of Canative Housing and hope this sends a positive message to our governments," said the U of A president, also trying to drum up more support.

Canative Housing owns 165 houses in the Edmonton area. Formed in 1971, the non-profit corporation was designed to assist Aboriginal people living in or moving to Edmonton. It offers affordable low-rent housing, and once offered its tenants a life skills program and free day care. Canative also had a part in organizing a 33-unit Native seniors apartment facility.

"What makes today so special is that Aboriginal people are opening doors of opportunity to other Aboriginal people," said Canative's Herb Belcourt. "Those receiving these gifts of education will also be able to give something back to the Aboriginal community by becoming role models and facilitators for others who will follow them."

The donations are the corporation's way of giving "something back to the community," says Belcourt, a member of Athabasca University's Governing Council and chair of its Centre for Innovative Management. "I've had a chance to see how Alberta's schools, colleges and universities have made a difference in people's lives and how education creates opportunities for people, for their families and their communities."

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# Resource Development

## Landmark ruling favours Native hunting rights

by Ennis Morris

Another landmark decision in an Alberta courtroom has seen two charges under the Wildlife Act dropped from the docket and the accused, Siksika Nation resident, Stuart K. Breaker, exonerated and freed. He'd been charged with shooting a bighorn sheep along Highway 40.

"It's obvious to me that Mr. Breaker's right were infringed," said Alberta Court Judge Gary Cioni, while announcing his recent decision in a Calgary courtroom. During his remarks to the court, the judge admonished the Alberta government for its failure to include Siksika Nation members when the hunting guidelines for the region were first established.

But Judge Cioni made it clear that his decision did not extend to regions within the borders of the Kananaskis Country Golf Course.

"I want to head off any suggestions of Indians hunting on the golf course," he said, specifying that his decision applied only to the area in question and not beyond the Highway 40 wildlife corridor.

After his decision, Breaker's lawyer, Calgary attorney, Jeffrey Rath, told media that the judge was telling provincial government authorities that "they have been operating illegally and they are going to have to change the way they do business. He added that Cioni's decision in the case "clears the way for Alberta's Indians to hunt, fish, cut trees and build cabins in provincial parks."

The judge remarked that if the decision was appealed to a higher court, the issue of Aboriginal hunting in all areas of Alberta's Crown lands, including protected areas like Provincial Parks, would probably arise.

The 11 road-corridor wildlife refuges in Alberta, first established about nine years ago to protect big game animals from busy highways, are located throughout the province. Eight are located in the mountain regions of western Alberta.

Judge Cioni's decision won't take effect until this time next year - that's how long he's given the Alberta provincial government to come up with solutions. He suggested that government work with First Nations groups to discuss future conservation issues.

## Fatality inquiry underway at Tsuu T'ina First Nation

On March 22 last year RCMP Constable Dave Voller shot and killed 37 year old Connie Jacobs and her young nine year old son, Ty. The shooting, once a continuing saga of controversy, is now the subject of a fatality inquiry on this central Alberta First Nation. Though the inquiry is not a courtroom intent on laying blame, Constable Voller, once accused of "shooting too fast", has since been credited by several Tsuu T'ina members as "a good man who has always been kind to the people here."

Dozens of local citizens have already entered the witness box to give their version of the tragic events that led up to the fatal shooting. So far the inquiry has learned that Constable Voller did everything possible, including issuing two warnings before being forced to open fire, an event that witnesses say took place only after the RCMP constable had been fired upon by Jacobs, who was armed with a .303 British Enfield-type rifle. Constable Voller fired his shotgun at Jacobs, killing both her and Ty, who was standing beside and in back of his mom. Voller did not see the boy as he opened fire.

The tribal police officer who contacted the RCMP for assistance has admitted to the inquiry that she let Jacobs out of her sight, even though she knew the woman was angry, agitated and fed-up with the social services system.

Tsuu T'ina Tribal Police Constable Tammy Dodginghorse, told the inquiry that she went to the Jacobs' home to apprehend Connie's four children and two grandchildren. Saying that she was distressed when the distraught Jacobs took



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the children and made her way into the basement, Constable Dodginghorse added that she was "occupied with getting two local child welfare workers (Connie Bish and Lorraine Dugany) outside."

By the time she'd accomplished that task, Dodginghorse said it was already too late, Connie has closed the door.

Constable Voller arrived just moments later, unfamiliar with what was going on but looking down the muzzle of a high powered rifle.

Dodginghorse, who was working in spite of being notified for her poor performance on the job, admitted that she knew that Connie's husband was a hunter who would probably have a weapon in the home.

The inquiry continues but is expected to conclude before the end of October.

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## Assistance needed to avert suicide rate in Nunavut

A 15 year joint national study by Health Canada's Laboratory Centre for Disease Control and the Department of Health and Social Services of the Northwest Territories (NWT) has concluded that since 1982 the suicide rate in Canada's newest territory has doubled. The research, broken down into three five year segments, and conducted between 1982 and 1996, examined 343 NWT suicides and in the end determined that between 1982 and 1991 the rate doubled in Nunavut. The study, which appears in the federal publication, *Chronic Diseases in Canada*, indicates that the "rising risk" of suicide among the Inuit, the largest population base in the Nunavut, continues to grow. The suicide rate in the western region of the Northwest Territories, however, has declined.

The suicide rate for Aboriginal Canadians is reported as four to six times the rate found in other cultures in Canada. The recently released joint study shows that the highest suicide rate among Aboriginals during the study period were Inuit men.

Though no specific explanations have been provided for the high suicide rate, the study, which looked into cases via the chief coroner's office, shows that 36 per cent of the cases occurred after a marriage or relationship breakup while 33 per cent of the suicides involved alcohol. A surprising 21 per cent of the Indigenous people who committed suicide in the NWT between 1982 and 1996 were facing some type



of criminal proceeding in the courts. The study further showed that suicides are often connected to a community's "life experience" and include such areas and aspects of daily living as poor education, poverty, lack of employment and loss of cultural identity.

The report calls for added assistance, explaining that the northern citizens "need to be empowered to act with the appropriate resources—within themselves or through access to emergency services—in

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## Book Review

# Inkonze, The Stones of Traditional Knowledge

Co-authored by Phillip R. Coutu M.Ed., B.A.  
and Lorraine Hoffman-Merceredi (B.A. in progress)  
Published by Thunderwoman Ethnographics 1999  
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review by John Copley

What would it take for the most unrepentant idealist to become a bewildered realist? Not much, just the three or four days it takes to read one of the most outstanding and informative books on the market today, *Inkonze, The Stones of Traditional Knowledge*.

The 280 page manuscript, which includes a complete bibliographical and index section, was released just last month by Edmonton-based Thunderwoman Ethnographics 1999. The manuscript, a co-authored piece of brilliance orchestrated by Lorraine D. Hoffman-Merceredi and Phillip R. Coutu and illustrated by well-known artist/designer Harvey Scanie, offers its readers a variety of new concepts and though based on old ideas, this book will open eyes, turn heads, win awards and have many readers wondering how we can find a way to reverse history.

Once readers turn the first page they'll quickly find that the book is difficult to put down. Every one of the eleven chapters is as interesting as the one before it. Unfortunately, all the news is not good—but then we knew that already. Perhaps the one thing that many readers never really considered before, however, does play a major role, not only in the book, but in the scope of things to come as well. Canadian history books have somehow managed to find a way to keep the truth about our so-called civilization a secret, but that could easily be overcome—just introduce *Inkonze* into the school system. The truth may not be as pretty as the fiction we've all come to believe too easily, but it does explain a lot of the unanswered questions.

Christianity's misplaced sense of superiority, garnered from a past filled with greed, exploitation and a thirst for conquering new lands and unfamiliar people, played an important role in the development of this nation. It has also played a destructive role for the indigenous civilizations that inhabited the North American continent for centuries, make that millenniums, before the arrival of the European settler.

*Inkonze, The Stones of Traditional Knowledge*, is a story about truth, about the consequences of indifference and about how a strong and viable people were nearly eliminated because of that indifference.

As Hoffman-Merceredi and Coutu point out, when the Europeans discovered and began settling in North America, they picked what was probably the worst time in the history to do it. It was the attitudes of that day that did the most damage. It was a time for conquest and exploitation without consideration for the peoples they descended upon. North America's Indigenous populations were never given a chance to participate as friends and partners. Instead they were relegated, cast

aside as inferior and obsolete when in reality, they had much to offer. *Inkonze* goes into great detail and makes a fluent effort to explain the various problems that arose, and still arise, because of the divide and conquer attitudes of that time in history.

Author Phillip Coutu is a descendant of the famous voyager Jean Baptiste Lagimodiere

and Marie Anne Gaboury, the first white woman to live in Canada's west. A blood relative of Louis Riel and a member of the Metis Nation Association of Alberta, Mr. Coutu is a psychologist who learned and earned his Masters degree in Education.

Author Lorraine Hoffman-Merceredi comes from a family with a long line of storytellers in its midst. Currently studying for her B.A. at the University of Alberta, Lorraine is involved in anthropology and eventually hopes to pursue a career that will enable her to help Canada's Aboriginal peoples retain their history. She is a direct descendant of the "Caribou Eaters" and a member of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation.

In their book the authors dispel many myths, reveal many atrocities and a callous and unconcerned deliberateness like you might never read again. The deliberateness came from the forefathers of today's non-Native society, who in their quest to conquer at all costs, forgot about the fragility of man. Not only the Native people they so easily cast aside as inferior savages without rights, but also the legacy they left for today's youth, who still seem to think that violence is the answer to their every frustration.

If we, as Canadians, are ever to get on the right track in this world of the shrinking conscience, we'd better do it soon. The knowledge one gleams from *Inkonze* dispels any myths we may have about the perfect man, the perfect society or the perfect future. And, since it is impossible to begin over again, and today's governments have not yet admitted where their predecessors went wrong, the perfect society is still a long way off.

In fact, at this particular time in history, perfect is a word reserved for the accurate, unbiased text delivered by Coutu and Hoffman-Merceredi. It's a learning experience you won't want to miss—so don't.



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## The Creator - Kitche-manitou by Denise Le Blanc

Our cover artist Denise Le Blanc was born in 1971, in Woodstock, Ontario. During her travels throughout North America she developed a true love for this land, its wildlife as well as the Metis and First Nations Peoples.

Upon discovering in her heritage a rich mixture of Micmac, Iroquois, French, and Celtic blood that races passionately in her spirit, Denise began to focus her many talents on preserving the images of her Metis ascendants' diverse cultures. These images often portray myths, legends and visions.

Denise says "Creating art, (for me) is a conscious act of communicating higher levels of good thoughts and awareness with our natural and spirit realms, even the Creator. Subtle symbols, animals and vibrant colours reflect their spiritual powers, reminding us of our inherent responsibilities for Mother Earth and all of her children."

In the years to come, Denise will continue studying her cultures, art, political, social-economical, and environmental issues. Her quest for the spiritual enlightenment of all Peoples will continue to be reflected in her works, which include watercolor and multimedia paintings, carvings and ancient sacred arts.

Some of her works are on display at the Centre d'art Visuels de l'Alberta, Traditions, Portage College, Lac La Biche and the Chamber of Commerce Tourist Centre on Wye Road in Sherwood Park. Denise's works are also published on a regular basis in *Alberta Native News*, (including some poetry).

The art which appears on the cover of this month's *Alberta Native News* is *The Creator - Kitche-manitou* by Denise Le Blanc. Of this art Denise writes:

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